

Monday, Feb. 3rd....

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POOL REPORT...President's speech to National Governors' Conference,
Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Motorcade left White House, 9:17 a.m. Uneventful four-minute trip to Hotel. The President was met at the 16th street entrance to the Statler-Hilton by Michigan Gov Wm. Milliken.

The President's speech began at 9:30...lasted 23 minutes...was interrupted only once by applause...and had only one ~~diversion~~ diversion of any consequence from the prepared text. On page two.. following the paragraph that ends.."also reduce quantity"..he went into the Mess Chart bit, showing both the "electronic set-up for a new space shuttle" as he ~~described~~ described the one chart..and offering a second, less complicated, chart which he said shows what can be done with the removal of excess Federal baggage.

The speech opened with the Presidential greeting.."Distinguished Governors and esteemed fellow candidates."

Milliken accompanied President to the door following the speech.

Motorcade arrived back at White House about 10 a.m.

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